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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, IR, LY

SUBJ: COMORO ISLANDS AND IRAN

1. AS DISCUSSED IN MENDENHALL-MIKLOS CORRESPONDENCE,  
WE HAVE RAISED MATTER OF FORTHCOMING COMORO INDEPENDENCE  
WITH CHIEF OF MFA'S AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION SHAHBAZI.  
HE WAS SURPRISINGLY WELL INFORMED ABOUT ISLAND'S SITUATION  
AND PROSPECTS AND HAD ALREADY PREPARED TWO REPORTS ON  
SUBJECT FOR HIS SUPERIORS.

2. GOI KNOWS COMOROS WILL BE DESPERATELY NEEDY AFTER  
INDEPENDENCE AND WILL HAVE TO LOOK FOR HELP ANYWHERE THEY  
CAN. SHAHBAZI THOUGHT IT NATURAL FOR ISLANDS TO SEEK ARAB  
HELP AND WAS RELAXED ABOUT ABDALLAH'S VISIT TO LIBYA AND  
RETURN VISIT BY LIBYAN ECONOMIC MISSION WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS  
IS SCHEDULED OR RECENTLY COMPLETED. BULK OF  
ASSISTANCE FOR TIME BEING, HE THINKS, WILL PROBABLY  
HAVE TO COME FROM FRANCE WHICH WILL DECIDE QTE WITHIN  
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FEW WEEKS UNQTE LEVEL OF ITS SUPPORT.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WHILE GOI IS GENERALLY INTERESTED IN COMORO DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS NEITHER OVERLY CONCERNED WITH RADICAL ARABS' INTERESTE IN ISLANDS NOR EAGER TO VOLUNTEER ECONOMIC AID. IF NEW COMORO GOVERNMENT MADE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR PROJECT AID, GOI NO DOUBT WOULD CONSIDER IT ALONG WITH OTHER REQUESTS RECEIVED. AS FAR AS ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC LINKS IS CONCERNED, GOI PROBABLY WOULD BE WILLING DO SO IF APPROACHED BY COMORANS, AS IT HAS DONE RECENTLY WITH OTHER SMALL AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WHERE IRAN'S INTERESTS ARE MINIMAL. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH IRAN MIGHT PROVIDE COMOROS WITH MEASURE OF PRESTIGE AND MORAL SUPPORT BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT HELP MUCH IN OVERCOMING THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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